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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Cory V. Atwell on
4 the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of the
5 Glen Ellyn Park District; and

6 WHEREAS, Cory Atwell graduated from Western Illinois
7 University in Macomb, earning his bachelor's degree and his
8 master's degree in parks and recreation administration; he is
9 also a Certified Park and Recreation Professional; and

10 WHEREAS, Cory Atwell served his country with pride and
11 distinction as a member of the United States Armed Forces from
12 1971 to 1973; and

13 WHEREAS, Cory Atwell was employed in the parks and
14 recreation field for 30 years at the Crystal Lake Park
15 District, the Village of Park Forest, Olympia Fields, the
16 Homewood-Flossmoor Park District, and the Glen Ellyn Park
17 District; and

18 WHEREAS, During his tenure as Executive Director of the
19 Glen Ellyn Park District, Cory Atwell was instrumental in the
20 completion of numerous district projects, including the
21 purchase of the DuPage County Forest Preserve District

1 administrative building and its renovation into the Spring
2 Avenue Recreation Center; the provision of \$725,000 toward the
3 enlargement of two gymnasiums at School District #41 in
4 exchange for before-school and after-school use for recreation
5 programs; the procurement of over \$3.5 million dollars in grant
6 monies from IDNR, OSLAD, and Illinois First; the purchase of
7 the old Maryknoll Seminary in Glen Ellyn and its renovation
8 into a 26-acre community park; the construction of a young
9 adult in-line skate park at Newton Park and an additional lap
10 pool at the Sunset Pool Aquatic Park; the acquisition of over
11 75 acres of open space for the Park District since 1997; the
12 renovation of the Main Street Recreation Center in 2009; the
13 installation of a vortex system for Lake Ellyn to improve the
14 water quality and ice skating in the winter; the renovation of
15 the Village Green Park Multi-Sports Outdoor Complex; the
16 creation of 23 agreements with various governmental bodies and
17 private entities; and the opening of the Ackerman Sports and
18 Fitness Center in January of 2010; and

19 WHEREAS, Cory Atwell and his loving wife have 3 children
20 and 2 grandchildren; and

21 WHEREAS, Cory Atwell serves as a model of hard work,
22 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
23 Illinois; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate Cory V. Atwell on the occasion of his retirement
4 and wish him many happy and healthy retirement years; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Cory Atwell as a symbol of our esteem and respect.